

Special Events and Activities



Navajo County Fair



Cultural demonstrations: Hopi pottery firing

Special Event Calendar

- February *National Invasive Weed Week*, Last week in February
- March *Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Month*
- April *National Park Week*, Last full week in April
- May *National Wildflower Week*, First week in May
- International Migratory Bird Day*, Second Saturday in May
- Memorial Day*, observed last Monday of May
- Summer *Cultural Demonstrators*: Most Saturdays through the summer, visit with silversmiths, dancers, weavers and other demonstrators, many with items for sale.
- June *Summer Solstice*, June 20/21—for about a two week period around the summer solstice, join rangers each morning to watch sunlight and shadow interact with a petroglyph at Puerco Pueblo.
- August *Founders Day*: anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, August 25
- September *National Public Lands Day*: Last Saturday in September
- Navajo County Fair*: county fairgrounds in Holbrook.
- October *Earth Science Week*: this international event was started to help the public gain a better understanding and appreciation for Earth Sciences and to encourage stewardship of the Earth.
- Ghosts of the Past*: weekend evening close to Halloween, visit the ghosts of the Petrified Forest for this evening ranger tour.
- November *National American Indian Heritage Month*
- Veterans Day*, November 11
- December *Petrified Forest’s Anniversary*, December 8-9
- Details, such as time and place, will be posted on the park website <http://www.nps.gov/pefo> and at the visitor facilities closer to the event date.



Archaeology Expo



Off the Beaten Path programs: find fossils with the park paleontologist

Science and Education Center

Petrified Forest is a living laboratory for many fields. The Petrified Forest National Park Science and Education Center offers a chance for park visitors, employees, and researchers to get together—a time for better understanding and appreciation of the natural and cultural resources of the park and region. Lectures are held on a regular basis. Topics include geology, paleontology, archeology, and biology. Join us to discover Petrified Forest’s many facets! For more information contact the park, stop by the visitor facilities, or visit <http://www.nps.gov/pefo>.



Artist Shonto Begay at the Painted Desert Inn

Artist-In-Residence Program

Artists have influenced the formation, expansion, and direction of our national parks. The work of many artists has also assisted in providing perspectives at parks, creating meaningful experiences for visitors. Artists document national parks through diverse approaches and techniques, including painting, poetry, photography, prose, and music, reflecting the multi-faceted qualities of parks, bringing enjoyment and a deeper understanding of the parks.

Founded in 2006 as part of the park’s Centennial Celebration, Petrified Forest National Park’s Artist-In-Residence Program

continues this tradition. The program offers visual, performing, and literary artists the opportunity to pursue their artistic discipline while being surrounded by Petrified Forest’s inspiring landscape. Selected artists stay in the park for two-weeks during April through October. Artists are prepared to work in this sometimes demanding environment.

Participating artists are asked to donate an original piece of artwork from their residency in Petrified Forest to the park. The artwork will be accessioned into the park’s permanent museum collection. Artists will also present two programs to the public during their residency.

Aspire to share your vision of Petrified Forest National Park with the public through the world of art. Work completed under this program contributes to the public understanding and appreciation of our national parks and create a legacy preserved for future generations.

The application form and more details about the program can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/pefo/parknews/artist-in-residence.htm>. For more information call 928-524-6228 or e-mail PEFO_Superintendent@nps.gov



Photographer Fred Hirschmann with visitors in the field



Artist Gloria Giffords giving a presentation